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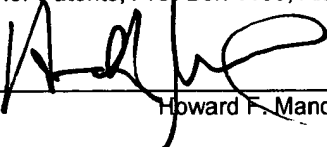
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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/026,357
A Pipe or the Like, A Female End Ring, and a Method of
Manufacturing such a Pipe or the Like
Leblanc
Your Ref: 342887/D18436/JCH; Our Ref: MART0780US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is an Examiner Interview Summary Record.

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Respectfully submitted,


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Application of: Leblanc

For: A Pipe or the Like, A Female End Ring, and a Method of Manufacturing such a Pipe or the Like

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EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

In an office action mailed December 8, 2004 the Examiner indicated that although a priority document had been received in the Patent and Trademark Office, no claim to priority had been made in the application.

On December 11, 2003, the undersigned attorney for applicant telephoned the Examiner to advise that a claim of priority was made in the application data sheet filed with the application. The Examiner acknowledged that the priority claim had in fact been made

and that the indication to the contrary in the office action was in error.

Respectfully Submitted,

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